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WILL THERE BE A BOLT?

Prominent Democrats Discuss the Probable Financial Action of the Chicago Convention and the Results That May Follow.

Silver Men Likely to Withdraw if a Gold Platform Is Adopted While the Gold Standard Enthusiasts May Bolt if Silver Rules the Day.

Nearly All Agree That No Compromise Plank Can Stand, That a Definite Financial Platform Must Be Adopted, and That a Straddle Means Defeat at the Polls.

MANY OF THE DELEGATIONS ARE TOO LOYAL TO WITHDRAW.

Questions Addressed By The Journal to Members of the Democratic National Committee and to Officers of Democratic State Committees Elicit a Variety of Opinions on the Topic That a Nation Is Earnestly Discussing.

The following questions addressed by the Journal to members of the Democratic National Committee and to officers of Democratic State Committees have elicited a variety of opinions on the probable financial attitude of the national convention at Chicago.

Some assert that should the silver men obtain control of the convention the hard money men would bolt. On the other hand a large number favoring free coinage declare that a gold platform would inevitably result in a bolt of the silverites.

Several States announce that they are ready to abide by the action of the convention, whatever it may be, and to support its nominee and platform. Democrats, they aver, are too loyal not to support the national platform, whether it declares for the single gold standard or the free and unlimited coinage of silver. There seems, too, to be a consensus of opinion that no compromise is possible; that a definite financial plank must be presented, let the consequences be what they may, and that a straddle means defeat at the polls in November.

THE QUESTIONS.

There seem to be expectations that the Convention at Chicago may adopt a free silver plank.

If the free silver men should obtain control would that, in your opinion, lead to a bolt by the hard money men of the East and Middle States?

In that event would the delegates of your State do Can the Democratic Convention adopt a compromise plank?

A DEFINITE FINANCIAL POLICY NEEDED.

To the Editor of the Journal:

I do not think there will be a bolt. It is difficult to determine what the New York delegation should do. In such an emergency we must stand capable, discreet men and commit the matter to their judgment. No compromise or vague plank should be adopted. The country very much needs a definite financial policy, adopted so decisively as to insure its stability. Business people are looking for this, and a political party that will not declare in favor of it cannot succeed.

JOHN CUNNEEN, Secretary, Democratic State Committee.

Buffalo, May 12.

SOUTHERN DEMOCRATS TOO LOYAL TO BOLT

To the Editor of the Journal:

My own opinion is that the vast majority of Democrats of the South, whatever their views on the currency question may be, are too loyal not to support the national platform, whether it declares for the single gold standard or the free and unlimited coinage of silver. I am satisfied the delegates to be selected from Kentucky to the National Convention, while prepared to fight for their convictions on the currency question, will come home good and true Democrats, whatever the platform adopted, and whoever the nominee may be. As expressed to me in a letter received from a free silver man and an official of this State this morning, there is but one way to keep me from voting for a Democrat, and that is to keep his name off the ticket. This about expresses the sentiments of all the Democrats I know, and yet I do not think a compromise plank can, will or should be adopted.

R. H. INGRAM, Secretary Democratic State Central Committee.

Louisville, May 12.

WESTERN STATES WILL LEAVE THE FOLD.

To the Editor of the Journal:

If the gold standard men control at Chicago, a number of the States in the West will, in my opinion, bolt the convention. They have been in harmony with the Populists in the State and county elections, voting the same tickets and preaching the same doctrines, but calling themselves Democrats. The Southern States are different. While they may believe in the free coinage of silver, at the ratio of 16 to 1, they are Democrats and have no sympathy with the Populists, and I think will abide the action of the convention.

TOBIAS CASTOR, Member Democratic National Committee.

Lincoln, Neb., May 12.

EXPECTS A BOLT FROM THE GOLD MEN.

To the Editor of the Journal:

We believe that if the silver men capture the convention, the gold men will bolt. As to what the delegates from Tennessee and other silver States will do in case the gold men capture the convention will depend upon the methods in effecting that capture and other circumstances and events which cannot be foretold, but which will doubtless make the July convention different from any ever held. The Tennessee delegation will do that which will be to the best interest of the Democratic party. They will therefore insist upon a declaration in favor of silver that can be understood, and will oppose a straddling, patent medicine, cure-everything, good-for-nothing compromise. If the Chicago convention declares for gold, few if any of the electors in this State will argue gold on the stump during the campaign.

DOUGLASS ANDERSON, Secretary State Democratic Executive Committee.

Nashville, Tenn., May 12.

DREADS EVASION OF THE MONEY PROBLEM

To the Editor of the Journal:

I believe the sound money men will control the Democratic Convention at Chicago, and I have no expectation that this fact will result in a bolt by the silver men. In my judgment, however, such a bolt would be less disastrous to present and future Democratic prospects than an evasion of the financial issue. So far as the Pennsylvania delegation is concerned, it will stand as a unit on our platform, which declares for the gold standard, against the free coinage of silver or the compulsory purchase of bullion, in favor of the retirement of greenbacks and treasury notes, for an ample volume of bank issues absolutely secured and redeemable in gold, and against all evasions or compromises of the financial question. I do not believe that the Democratic Convention will adopt a compromise plank, for compromise on this question means inevitable defeat.

R. E. WRIGHT, Chairman Democratic State Committee.

Allentown, Pa., May 12.

WEST VIRGINIA READY TO COMPROMISE.

To the Editor of the Journal:

The West Virginia delegates will probably stand for free silver, though not unwilling to vote for a compromise plank. The Democracy of this State, as a party, will accept and endorse the action of the Chicago convention on the financial question, whatever it may be, but unless a compromise is adopted it is probable that many individuals will dissolve their party ties. I think the Chicago convention will have the good judgment to adopt a compromise plank on a basis of free coinage of silver at such ratio as will enable the Government to maintain it at a parity with gold.

WM. A. OILEY, Secretary State Democratic Executive Committee.

Charleston, W. Va., May 12.

Sheerin's Emphatic Views.

To the Editor of the Journal:

As an officer of the National Committee, charged, with my associates, with the purely executive duty of preparing for the convention, and speaking for myself alone, I doubt the propriety of entering into such a discussion of the probable action of the National Convention as you suggest. I prefer to leave to the convention itself the disposition of all questions that will come before it, in the fullest faith that it will meet all its obligations to the entire satisfaction of the Democrats of the whole country. Replying to your inquiry as to what Indiana would do in certain contingencies, I desire to say in the most emphatic manner possible

that nevertheless, they stand firmly on the twelfth plank of the platform of 1892. A compromise plank cannot and ought not to be adopted. True Democracy spurns even an attempt at compromise between right and wrong.

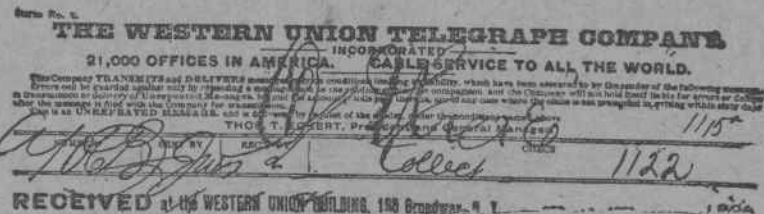
C. J. SMYTH, Chairman Democratic State Central Committee, Omaha, Neb., May 13.

Will Not Accept Gold.

To the Editor of the Journal:

If the West and South unite in favor of silver at Chicago and are defeated by the gold men, it is my opinion that the silver delegates will refuse to support

A Silver Platform Would Mean Defeat.



Chicago, May 12.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE JOURNAL:

I do not believe that the honest money men would bolt a silver platform if adopted at the convention, unless the Republicans should declare for honest money. In that event honest money Democrats would no doubt rather support a Republican who is sound on the money question—for that, in this campaign, is the issue—even if that candidate did not represent the views of honest money Democrats on the tariff. Honest money Democrats in this campaign believe in the money issue first, and the tariff second.

WASHINGTON HESING.

that Indiana Democrats will stand squarely upon whatever platform the National Convention may adopt and will give their undivided support to the nominee of the convention whoever they may be.

SIMON P. SHIERIN, Member Democratic National Committee from Indiana, Logansport, Ind., May 13.

Support the Nominee.

To the Editor of the Journal:

In my opinion the advocates for independent free coinage would not do so foolish a thing as to go into and become part of the convention and then bolt the decision of the convention. I consider them loyal to their party equally, and that they would not do such a foolish thing. The motto for all to inscribe on the banner to be carried to Chicago is, "I'll support the nominee, no difference what may happen."

C. M. ANDERSON, Chairman Democratic State Executive Committee, Greenville, O., May 13.

Straddle Means Defeat.

To the Editor of the Journal:

There will be no bolt as far as this State is concerned. It will not be determined until the 20th whether it will be a mixed silver and gold delegation or a gold delegation. Only two districts have instructed so far for silver. They have instructed men who are favorable to a gold standard. Individually, I can see no compromise ground to stand upon. A silver men never bolt an honest decision,

the gold platform. The delegates from this State will doubtless unite in carrying out any plan of action that meets with the unanimous approval of the silver men. In my opinion no compromise plank can be drawn that will be acceptable to the silver Democrats except on the basis of the free coinage of silver at the ratio of 16 to 1.

E. A. M'DANIEL, Secretary State Democratic Committee, Salt Lake, Utah, May 13.

Out for Bimetallism.

To the Editor of the Journal:

If the gold men obtain control of the Chicago Convention, free coinage delegates may not bolt, but their constituencies will. Our delegations are for bimetallism, and will accept no compromise.

C. E. THOMAS, Member Democratic National Committee, Denver, Col., May 13.

Against a Compromise.

To the Editor of the Journal:

I think Western delegates, our own included, would be governed by the action of the Chicago Convention. I do not believe a compromise advisable.

D. B. BOLT, Secretary Democratic State Committee, Fargo, N. D., May 13.

Is Opposed to Silver.

To the Editor of the Journal:

The Democrats of Wisconsin are solidly opposed to silver standard, and our delegation to the convention will do all in its

Silver Men Uncertain.

To the Editor of the Journal:

I have the gold standard, and cannot predict the vagaries of the free silver people in any event.

S. A. MERRITT, Member of the Democratic National Committee, Salt Lake, Utah, May 12.

Gold Plank Means Bolt.

To the Editor of the Journal:

If the improbable happens and the Democratic party in National Convention declares for a single gold standard and surrenders to the demands of concentrated wealth the free silver men of the West and South will decline to support the platform. They will raise aloft the banner of true Democracy and keep the faith. With a gold plank a bolt seems inevitable. I have no power to speak for our delegates to the National Convention. Their action would be governed by the exigencies of the occasion. No compromise plank this year will be satisfactory. A straddle means gold.

O. W. POWERS, Chairman Democratic State Committee, Salt Lake, Utah, May 13.

Nothing to Do but Bolt.

To the Editor of the Journal:

Should the gold men get control of the Chicago Convention there would be but one thing the free silver men could do—bolt. The delegates from Oregon are pledged to vote for a free silver man only for President. They are good men and will stand by their pledges. Under the existing circumstances a compromise plank by the Democratic convention would seem impossible.

NAPOLEON DAVIS, Secretary Democratic State Central Committee, Portland, Ore., May 13.

No Bolt Is Anticipated.

To the Editor of the Journal:

Six delegates from Montana will be for silver, but will abide by a decision of a majority of the convention.

A. J. DAVIDSON, Member Democratic National Committee for Montana, Helena, May 13.

Compromise Impossible.

To the Editor of the Journal:

Idaho will be for silver unqualifiedly. The State Convention has not yet met and consequently it is impossible to indicate what action the delegation will take in the event a gold platform is adopted. Am of the opinion that no compromise can be effected.

FRANK W. BEANE, Member Democratic National Committee, Blackfoot, Idaho, May 13.

Majority Should Rule.

To the Editor of the Journal:

The majority should rule if same is obtained honestly and fairly. The minority will not bolt. Ninety per cent of the Democratic party and more than 50 per cent of the Republican party in the West and North are for free silver, and the silver case is growing stronger every day.

WILLIAM C. LEISTIKOW, Member Democratic National Committee, Grafton, N. D., May 13.

Only Silver in Idaho.

To the Editor of the Journal:

Our delegation not yet selected, will be for silver without doubt. They could not stand on a gold plank.

SAMUEL H. HAYS, Chairman Democratic State Central Committee, Boise City, Idaho, May 13.

Silver Can Win All.

To the Editor of the Journal:

I do not look for any bolt in the convention. Should a gold plank be adopted a gold bug candidate will be nominated, and the bolting will be done by the voters on election day. With a silver plank and a silver man as our candidate our party can win.

JOSEPH R. RYAN, Chairman Democratic State Committee, Virginia, Nev., May 13.

A Unit Against Gold.

To the Editor of the Journal:

I am not prepared to express an opinion as to what the action of the Arkansas delegation and the free silver men of the South and West would be if the Chicago Convention adopts a gold plank. The Arkansas Democracy has in its platform for more than twenty years denounced the demonetization of silver, and the party is practically a unit in opposition to the gold standard, and the presidential policy of the present Administration. In my judgment, it will be difficult to adopt a compromise plank that will be satisfactory which does not include the free coinage of silver at the old ratio of 16 to 1.

CARROLL ARMSTRONG, Chairman Democratic State Central Committee, Morrilton, Ark., May 13.

No Compromise Is Possible.

To the Editor of the Journal:

No compromise possible in my judgment. Local conditions insure, it seems to me, that the Alabama delegation will stick through a gold standard plank in inserted in platform.

THOMAS H. CLARKE, Secretary State Executive Committee of the Democratic and Conservative party, Montgomery, Ala., May 13.

Will Adopt a Gold Plank.

To the Editor of the Journal:

The convention at Chicago will adopt a "gold plank." The West and South will not bolt. There will be no compromise on such a plank and a good candidate, the Chicago nominee, will be elected. There will be no compromise plank.

CLINTON B. DAVIS, Chairman Democratic State Committee, Middletown, Conn., May 13.

Not Likely to Withdraw.

To the Editor of the Journal:

In my opinion the Democrats of Alabama will, with comparatively few exceptions, support whatever ticket may be nominated at Chicago, regardless of what may be the platform upon which it is nominated. I have no idea that any delegates elected to that convention from Ala-

bama will withdraw from the convention if the platform is opposed to the free and unlimited coinage of silver.

H. C. TOMPKINS, Chairman State Executive Committee of the Democratic and Conservative party, Montgomery, Ala., May 13.

Liab to Be a Bolt.

To the Editor of the Journal:

I think the Cleveland Democrats will bolt if the bimetallists control the convention. The Illinois delegation will in all probability be for silver, and if so would remain and act with the majority. The silver men, I think, would be satisfied with a declaration in favor of remonetization on a ratio to be fixed by Congress.

divided on the issue of gold and silver, but will be united in its support of ex-Governor James Campbell as the eligible candidate for the Presidency and may possibly for this reason favor a compromise plank.

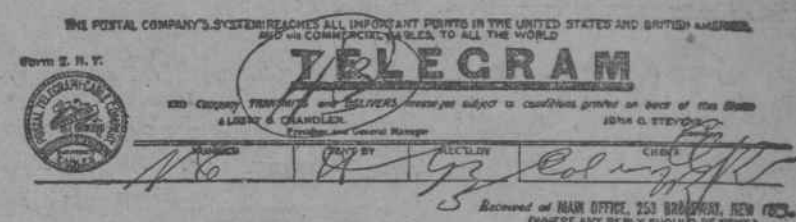
H. F. CELLARIUS, Secretary Democratic State Executive Committee, Cincinnati, May 13.

Oregon May Be Divided.

To the Editor of the Journal:

The platform as originally prepared by the free silver majority in our State Democratic Convention pledges the delegates to Chicago to support a free silver candidate only. The word "only" was

Altgeld Is Against a Compromise.



SPRINGFIELD, Ill., May 12.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE JOURNAL:

I do not know what the gold Democrats would do if the Convention adopted a silver platform, and it does not matter much, because the Democracy has already been beaten in every Eastern State on a gold platform. I do not believe that any compromise is possible, because thus far every compromise and every straddle has been treated as a complete surrender to the Eastern bosses and Eastern interests, and the people are tired of it.

JOHN P. ALTGELD, Governor.

I believe the Cleveland followers will insist on a single gold standard.

S. P. MCCONNELL, Chicago, May 13.

Cannot Be Frightened.

To the Editor of the Journal:

I cannot speak for Eastern Democrats. Our delegation will be for silver at 16 to 1, and no compromise. We cannot be frightened by threatened bolts.

W. J. BRYAN, Lincoln, Neb., May 13.

They Want Sound Money.

To the Editor of the Journal:

Think there would be no bolt by the silver Democrats if the Chicago convention should adopt a sound money platform. Our State has not yet spoken, though I have no doubt but our people will declare for sound money.

M. DORAN, Member Democratic National Committee from Minnesota, St. Paul, Minn., May 13.

To Abide by Its Action.

To the Editor of the Journal:

I am not able to predict the action of sound money Democrats of the Eastern and Middle States in the event of the adoption of a free silver plank at the Chicago Convention. I feel assured, however, that the Nebraska delegation is prepared to abide by any action of the convention which first requires all delegates participating to abide by its declaration

afterward struck out. I have no idea what the delegation will do in case of a gold plank being adopted. Individually I hope a gold plank will be adopted, and there are thousands of Democratic votes in Oregon for the gold standard or gold and silver under international agreement.

E. D. MEKE, Member Democratic National Committee, Portland, Ore., May 13.

Noted for Their F

To the Editor of the Journal:

Do not think there is any danger of a bolt by Western Democrats, as they will abide by the action of the convention. This is certainly true of Minnesota Democrats, for, although the minority party of this State, they are noted for their fealty to party principles. The convention must speak plainly and unequivocally on the great living issues in order to attain success at the polls.

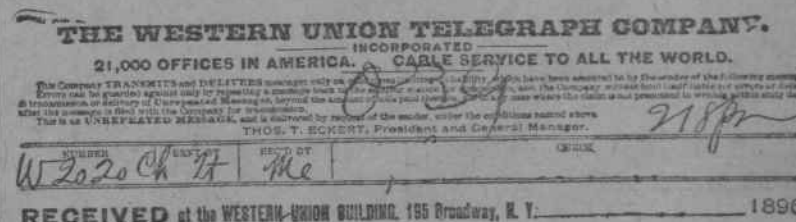
THOS. E. M'DERMOTT, Chairman Democratic State Committee, St. Paul, Minn., May 13.

Illinois Will Not Bolt.

To the Editor of the Journal:

If the gold men obtain control of the Chicago convention it is expected that they will adopt a gold plank. What the action of the bimetallists would be in that case I cannot say. I shall support the Democratic ticket, no matter what the platform, and the delegates from this State will not be bolters. I am not prepared for a compromise on the currency

Georgia Would Not Stand It.



Atlanta, Ga., May 13.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE JOURNAL:

Whatever element may control at Chicago, the Georgia delegation will not bolt the Convention. A gold plank, if adopted, will be over their protest, and they would certainly contend for a more equitable representation in future conventions, and that the party policies should not longer be dictated by States hopelessly Republican. The adoption of a compromise financial plank in the Chicago platform would, in my opinion, lose the State of Georgia to the Democratic party in the Presidential election.

C. B. CONEYERS, Sec. Dem. State Executive Committee.

of principles, and to support its candidates. A compromise platform cannot be thought of.

EUCLIDE MARTIN, Omaha, Neb., May 13.

Ohio Divided on Money.

To the Editor of the Journal:

Replying to your question whether in the event the gold men should control the Chicago convention, the free silver men of the West and South would bolt, I beg to say that as to the delegation from Ohio it is my best judgment that it will be

question in our National Convention.

W. H. HARRISON, Chairman Democratic State Committee, Jacksonville, Ill., May 13.

Maine Will Be Loyal.

To the Editor of the Journal:

There will be no bolting from a sound financial platform, and no compromise will be necessary.

FRED EMERY BEANE, Secretary Democratic State Committee, Hallowell, Me., May 12.